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NOAA Fisheries Seeks Public Comment on a Proposed Rule for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic *Comment Period Ends April 14, 2014*

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on the proposed rule for Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic. The proposed rule published on **March 14, 2014 (79 FR 14466)**, with a comment period ending on **April 14, 2014**.

The proposed rule would increase the annual catch limits for dolphin and wahoo. The increase is based on updates to the recreational data for these species, as per the new Marine Recreational Information Program, as well as revisions to commercial and for-hire landings. The Marine Recreational Information Program replaced the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey.

Additionally, the proposed rule would modify the accountability measures and update the framework procedure for dolphin and wahoo.

Request for Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received no later than **April 14, 2014**, to be considered by NOAA Fisheries. See the Addresses section for information on where and how to submit comments.

Addresses

Electronic or hardcopies of the proposed rule may be obtained from:

- The NOAA Fisheries Web site:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/dw/2013/am5/index.html.
- The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site: <http://www.safmc.net>.

You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0170, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
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All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

More Information

For more information on the proposed rule for dolphin and wahoo, please follow this link to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).